

City of Seattle – Department of Planning and Development

Integrated Food Systems Planning and Healthy Communities

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DPD's Integrated Food Systems Planning and Healthy Communities project is comprised of three distinct components: creating a municipal agriculture program, developing a pilot project for healthy mobile food vending and developing a healthy living assessment to be incorporated into the neighborhood planning process. This report will give a brief status update on each.

Healthy Living Assessment

DPD has finalized a contract with Sharon Lerman of Healthy Communities Consulting to assist with developing the healthy living assessment (HLA). Sharon had her first meeting with the in-house HLA team, which includes Andrea Petzel (DPD), Nora Liu (DPD), Veronica Sherman-King (DON) and Jennifer Wieland (SDOT). Together, the group has settled on an approach that will emphasize three key elements: access to health food, options for mobility/recreation, and equitable development.

Sharon has prepared two of three issue papers to address these key elements and brainstorm indicators that relate to each. The group has met and reviewed the issue paper pertaining to healthy food access. Next up for discussion is mobility/recreation, followed by equitable development.

Municipal Agriculture

The municipal agriculture program continues to provide the most challenges. The four departments that are involved (DPD, DON, SDOT, Parks) are currently working through a MOA process to set up the accounting process. The small working group has met twice, but one key department has, so far, not been able to participate in the process. Hopefully that will change with the next meeting.

The small working group has started some initial research to find case studies of other jurisdictions that have set up leasing arrangements for publically owned land. The good news is that there does appear to be some examples, including lease agreements. There is even one example of a program here in Washington State. An attorney has been assigned to the project and he will be providing legal advice and helping us work through some of the state-level issues. A larger inter-departmental team will begin meeting in 2011 to discuss how the program will be coordinated across city departments.

Healthy Mobile Food Vending

Initial outreach to Sounds Transit has started, with plans to convene a meeting in late November/early December. Internal work with SDOT and DON partners will begin as soon as the MOA is signed by all.